MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from Government with reference to answer to part (*a*) of the question how long this particular official has been a third class Magistrate before he was given the powers of the Second Class Magistrate?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For about 2 months, I think.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from Government whether they have followed any definite principle in the conferment of Second Class Magistrate's powers on a Third Class Magistrate?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, they go by the recommendations of the District Magistrates.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know Sir, whether the Government consider that two months' work as a Third Class Magistrate is sufficient qualification to enable him to exercise the powers of the Second Class Magistrate?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Magistrate recommended that the particular Third Class Magistrate could be invested with the Second Class powers and the Government sanctioned the recommendation.

Government Sales Depot at Trivandrum.

68 ***SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what the functions of (i) the Government Sales Depot, Trivandrum, and (ii) the Sri Mulam Shashtiabdapurthi Institute, Trivandrum, are; and

(*b*) whether, as a measure of retrenchment, the Government have considered the desirability of entrusting the functions of the former to the latter?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) (i). The functions of the Sales Depot are:

(1) Finding out markets for the products of cottage industries.

(2) The advertisement of the products.

(3) The exhibition of such products for the information of the public and for sales.

(4) Serving as a trading agency.

(5) Serving as an advising body for giving suggestions to the cottage industrialists for the improvement of their industries.

(6) Giving facilities for them to modify their designs to suit the changing tastes of the consumers, etc.

II. The Sri Mulam Shashtiabdapurthi Memorial Institute functions as a Museum for the display of the various industrial and agricultural and other products, machinery, tools, etc.

(*b*) No. The institute is not a Government institution nor is it capable of undertaking the functions expected of the Sales Depot. The question of transfer of the function has not therefore been considered.

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Economic Development Board.

69. ❋ **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what the functions of the Economic Development Board are; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of revising the functions of the Board to enable that body to do more useful, and more sustained work in the field of economic development?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (1) To consider questions of policy relating to the working of various Development Departments such as Agriculture and Fisheries, Industries, Forest, Co-operation and Excise.

(2) To consider important proposals and schemes submitted by the Development Departments of Government and to make recommendations thereon.

(3) To make suggestions to Government in regard to agricultural, industrial, and other matters of economic importance and to co-ordinate the work of the several Development Departments.

(4) To publish the Travancore Economic Journal.

(*b*) Government do not consider it necessary to reorganise the Economic Development Board.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With reference to answer to part (*a*) of the question may I know whether the Heads of various Departments mentioned in the answer are members of the Board?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Not all.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know which of them are and which of them are not?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is not a member now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Was he at any time member of the Board?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not sure.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the reason why when all the Heads of Departments are members of the Board the Registrar of Co-operative Societies alone is excluded?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is no special reason. It was not considered necessary at the time when the Board was formed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I take it then that in a body which is brought into existence to consider questions of policy by Government Departments, the Head of the Co-operative Department alone is not considered a necessary member?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): At that particular time it was not considered. But whenever Government feel its necessary to include him also there will be no objection to do so.

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